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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Masahiro Ooshima et al.

Serial No. To Be Assigned

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For: Spin-Valve Type Thin Film
Magnetic Element

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

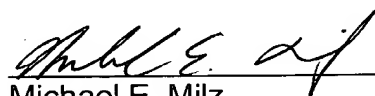
Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Before the first paragraph, insert--This application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/814,531, filed on March 21, 2001, and entitled "Spin-Valve Type Thin Film Magnetic Element"--.

Respectfully submitted,



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